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The Honorable John Ray Harrison
Mayor, City of Pasadena
P. O. Box 672
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Open Records Decision No. 19

Dear Mayor Harrison:

The Retail Credit Company has requested "The Police Officers' Offense Report" concerning a certain identified individual involved in a recent incident. You have declined to make it available and have requested our decision under § 7(a) of Article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S., The Open Records Act.

In our opinion § 3(a)(8) of the Act, which excepts from disclosure "records of law enforcement agencies that deal with the detection and investigation of crime and the internal records and notations of such law enforcement agencies which are maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement," clearly applies to the record in question. We feel that disclosure of a record such as this would be contrary to § 3(a)(1) of the Act concerning information deemed confidential. See Billings v. Atkinson, 489 S. W. 2d 858 (1973); Attorney General Opinion H-90 (1973); Open Records Decision No. 2 (1973).

We therefore are of the opinion and decide that an offense report prepared by a police officer is not subject to disclosure under The Open Records Act.

Very truly yours, .

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